

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 196, Senate Amendment**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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AUTHOR:	Senator L. Martin	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	15-3-690
SUBJECT:	Limit Liability for LP Gas Providers		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Senate Amendment to Senate Bill 196 amends Chapter 3, Title 15 and Chapter 82, Title 40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to limitations on civil actions against liquefied petroleum gas dealers by adding Section 15-3-690 which provides that a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) dealer is immune from civil liability if an injury is due to modification of the gas equipment. Furthermore, the Bill amends Section 40-82-270 by adding the requirement that an equipment owner (gas consumer) who modifies his LP gas equipment must notify the dealer who next services his tank or equipment. The Bill also provides that licensed dealers must notify their customers in writing at least once a year of the customer's statutory obligation to notify their LP gas dealers of any modifications made to their equipment.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the Judicial Department report that this amended version on the Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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